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(SBU) On March 8, Polchief delivered reftel message on the U.S.-India civil nuclear cooperation agreement to Sotos Liassides, Director of Multilateral Affairs at the MFA, and Panayiotis Papadopoulos, who handles nonproliferation issues.

Liassides and Papadopoulos were attentive and asked numerous questions, but provided little insight into current GOC thinking on how to handle this issue within the Nuclear Suppliers Group. Liassides was particularly interested in the question of how Pakistan had responded to the announcement. We will continue to engage with the MFA on this issue and seek a specific commitment to support the U.S. position in the NSG.

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